

*Sub 2 A8*

1. A stanchion comprising:

an elongated member having a first end secured to a fixed structure, said elongated member extending generally linearly, away from said first end to an opposing 4 terminal end; and

a sleeve having an elongated body extending generally between two opposing 6 ends, said sleeve having an interior cavity extending along said sleeve and through one of said two opposing ends, said interior cavity having a cross-sectional shape adapted to 8 receive said elongated member in slip fit engagement, said elongated member being positioned and received within said interior cavity; and 10 said other opposing end of said sleeve having a closed, hemispherically shaped dome top.

2. The method of at least partially encasing a stanchion, comprising the steps 2 of:

providing a sleeve having an elongated body with two opposing ends and an 4 interior cavity extending along said elongated body and through one end of said elongated body;

6 forming said interior chamber with a cross-sectional shape adapted to receive said stanchion in slip fit engagement;

8 inserting said stanchion into said interior cavity; and

forcing said sleeve onto said stanchion, to a desired position on said stanchion, to 10 at least partially encase said stanchion.